<u>AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS</u>:

Please cancel Claims 4, 8, 9, 11, and 12 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 1 through 3, 5 through 7, 10, and 13 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A recording apparatus for recording motion image data onto a disc-like recording medium, <u>the apparatus</u> comprising:

<u>a</u> file generating <s>means for forming</s> <u>unit that forms</u> the motion image data into a file according to a procedure relating to QuickTime file format; and

<u>a</u> recording <s>means for effecting</s> <u>unit that effects</u> recording <s>as to</s> <u>of</u> the file generated by the file generating <s>means, to record data unit</s> <u>unit such that the file is recorded as (a) a first file</u> including reference information <u>of the motion image data</u> included in the file <s>in a first recording area on the disc-like recording medium</s> and <s>data unit</s> <u>(b) a second file</u> including <s>video</s> <u>the motion image</u> data included in the file<u>,</u> in [[a]] <u>first and</u> second recording <s>area</s> <u>areas</u> on the disc-like recording medium<u>, respectively,</u>

<u>wherein the recording unit records the first and second files such that dummy data of the first file is recorded in the first recording area during stand-by of recording of the motion image data, the second file is recorded in the second recording area during recording of the motion image data, and the first file is recorded in the first recording area instead of the dummy data recorded therein after the recording of the motion image data is completed</u>.

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2. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the recording ~~means records the data unit including the reference information in the first recording~~ unit secures an area ~~capable of high~~ accessible at higher speed ~~access~~ among recording areas on the disc-like recording medium as the first recording area, and ~~the data unit including the video data into the second recording~~ a recording area having a slower access speed than the first recording area as the second recording area.

3. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the recording ~~means~~ unit is arranged so that the first recording area is disposed on an inner peripheral portion of the disc-like recording medium while the second recording area is disposed on an outer peripheral portion of the disc-like recording medium.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the ~~data unit including the reference information~~ first file is a "movie" file which is specified by QuickTime while the ~~data unit including the video data~~ second file is a "media data" file which is specified by QuickTime.

6. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

an imaging ~~means for generating~~ unit that generates the motion image data by a photographing operation, wherein the file generating ~~means~~ unit carries out forming of the motion image data generated by the imaging ~~means~~ unit into a file in parallel to the

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photographing operation, ~~and the recording means records the file generated by the file~~

~~generating means on the disc-like recording medium~~.

7. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 6, further comprising:

a compressing ~~means for compressing~~ unit that compresses the information

amount of the motion image data picked up by the imaging ~~means~~ unit,

wherein the file generating ~~means~~ unit forms the motion image data compressed

by the compressing ~~means~~ unit into a file according to the procedure relating to the

QuickTime file format.

8 - 9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) A recording method for recording motion image data

onto a disc-like recording medium, the method comprising the steps of:

generating a file so that the motion image data is formed into a file according to a

procedure relating to QuickTime file format; and

effecting recording ~~as to~~ of the file generated in the file generating step[[,]] ~~to~~

~~record data unit~~ such that the file is recorded as (a) a first file including reference

information of the motion image data included in the file ~~in a first recording area in the~~

~~disc-like recording medium,~~ and (b) a ~~data unit~~ second file including ~~video~~ the motion

image data included in the file, in [[a]] first and second second recording ~~area in~~ areas on

the disc-like recording medium, respectively,

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wherein the recording step records the first and second files such that recording

dummy data of the first file is recorded in the first recording area during stand-by of

recording of the motion image data, the second file is recorded in the second recording area

during recording of the motion image data, and the first file is recorded in the first

recording area instead of the dummy data recorded therein after the recording of the motion

image data is completed.

11 - 12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) A storage medium for storing ~~the~~ a program to be

executed by a computer, ~~said~~ the program comprising:

a file generating step of generating a file so that the motion image data is formed

into a file according to a procedure relating to QuickTime file format; and

a recording-controlling step of effecting recording ~~as to~~ of the file generated in

the file generating step ~~so~~ such that ~~data unit~~ the file is recorded as (a) a first file including

reference information of the motion image data included in the file ~~is recorded in a first~~

~~recording area on the disc-like recording medium~~ and ~~data unit~~ (b) a second file including

~~video~~ the motion image data included in the file, ~~is recorded~~ in [[a]] first and second

recording ~~area~~ areas on the disc-like recording medium, respectively,

wherein the recording-controlling step records the first and second files such that

recording dummy data of the first file is recorded in the first recording area during stand-by

of recording of the motion image data, the second file is recorded in the second recording

area during recording of the motion image data, and the first file is recorded in the first

recording area instead of the dummy data recorded therein after the recording of the motion

image data is completed.